EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   Applicant's response filed on 03/07/2011 has been entered.

2.   Claims 138, 173, 175, 177 and 180-181 are pending.

3.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R.

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

4.   Authorization for this amendment was given in a telephone interview with Harold Fox on

March 25, 2011.

In the claims:

5.   In claim 138, line 1, word 5, the word "a" has been deleted.

6.   In claim 138, line 9, the phrase "protein" has been changed to --protein.--.

7.   In claim 177, line 1, the phrase "the polypeptide" has been changed to --the fusion

protein--.

8.   Claims 173, 175 and 180-181 are cancelled.

9.   Claims 138 and 177 are allowed.

10.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Nora M. Rooney whose telephone number is (571) 272-9937.

The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached on (571) 272-0735. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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